CLASS TITLE: **Latent Fingerprint Examiner**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, performs entry level latent fingerprint examination work, making visual comparisons and matching latent prints with inked prints to establish the identity of individuals; and performs related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Evaluates latent fingerprint impressions or photo negatives of prints to determine their suitability for comparison with inked prints; examines impressions to identify whether latent prints are finger or palm prints; conducts visual comparisons of latent prints gathered at a crime scene with the inked prints of victims, suspects and witnesses for possible matching of prints and to eliminate suspects; analyzes latent prints to identify fingerprint characteristics using the Henry System of fingerprint classification; prepares and references latent prints for entry into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS); conducts computerized searches of latent fingerprints against database of inked prints using AFIS; conducts searches of master print files to visually compare and match inked prints with latent prints to make positive identifications; classifies inked prints based on fingerprint characteristics and files fingerprint cards according to classification into the master files.

RELATED DUTIES: Assists experienced latent fingerprint examiners in classifying and matching latent prints, and preparing related reports; assists in preparing court exhibits to provide graphic illustrations of comparisons made in determining positive identification of prints; may testify in court as an expert witness on latent print identification findings.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Two years of progressively responsible experience in the classification, searching and filing of inked fingerprints using the Henry System of fingerprint classification, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Knowledge of the classification, searching and identification of fingerprints using the Henry System of fingerprint classification. Knowledge of the practices, procedures and techniques involved in the evaluation, comparison and identification

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of latent fingerprints. Good knowledge of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System

(AFIS). Knowledge of department procedures in processing and collecting latent print evidence found at crime scenes.

Ability to classify, file and search master ten print files using the Henry System of fingerprint classification. Ability to examine and analyze latent prints for purposes of indentification. Ability to operate AFIS equipment to conduct latent print searches against computerized inked fingerprint files.

Skill in the evaluation of latent prints to determine their adequacy for identification purposes. Skill in operating the AFIS computer system. Good oral and written communication skills.

<u>Working Conditions</u>.   General office environment.

<u>Equipment</u>. Standard office equipment. Automated Fingerprint Identfication System (AFIS) computer equipment, magnifying (Henry) glass, Crimcon camera and related photographic equipment.

NOTE: While the list of essential duties is intended to be as inclusive as possible, there may be other duties which are essential to particular positions within the class.

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